

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
LOUIS N. RAINONE OF THE FIRM
DECOTTIS, FITZPATRICK & COLE, LLP
TO SERVE AS LABOR COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick has a need to acquire professional services for Labor Counsel for 2012; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2011 the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick approved Resolution 275-10.11 authorizing the issuance of Requests for Proposals for professional services for Labor Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent received, and the Deputy Municipal Clerk witnessed, the receipt of Requests for Qualifications for said professional services on November 17, 2010; and

WHEREAS, services were procured in formal manner under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1a et under both a fair and open and competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director received, and the Deputy Municipal Clerk witnessed, the receipt of five proposals for said professional services on November 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee, designated to review proposals and make a recommendation, has completed the review process and included herein an Evaluation Report detailing their review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Administration and Purchasing have reviewed the Qualifications for professional services of Louie N. Rainone of the firm DeCottis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP and determined him responsive in all respects and qualified for the position; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of North Brunswick to enter into an agreement with Louie N. Rainone of the firm DeCottis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP (Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Blvd., Teaneck, NJ 07666) to serve in the position as Labor Counsel for calendar year 2012; and

WHEREAS, DeCottis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP shall be compensated for these services at a blended hourly rate of \$130.00 for partners and associates, a blended hourly rate of \$65.00 for law clerks and paralegals, and reimbursable expenses in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that \$30,000.00 is available for this purpose in FY2012 budget account 2-01-20-155-000-983 for services ending June 30, 2012 and the balance shall be certified upon the appropriation of funds in FY 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of January, 2012, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute and the Township Clerk to witness an agreement with Louie N. Rainone of the firm DeCottis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP to provide legal services as Labor Counsel in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED notice of this action shall be published in the Home News & Tribune as required by law within 10 (ten) days after its passage.